


**STAFF REPORT****TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2010****CONSENT AGENDA**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**FROM: BRIAN FRAGIAO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**   
**DATE: AUGUST 2, 2010**  
**RE: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 22, 2010**

**Recommendation:**

Approve and adopt the resolution recommending the following:

1. Provide better site distance at Betty Lane by trimming back existing tree line along Brace Road and set-up speed trailer in conjunction with Sheriff's speed enforcement.
2. Install a crosswalk and sidewalk ramp across Walnut Street between the drug store and law offices on the east side of Taylor Road.
3. Lengthening the no parking curb from 20 feet to 60 feet adjacent to the hydrant on the eastside of Swetzer Road across from Mareta Lane to allow better access to the hydrant for the Fire Districts, re-install the no parking signs on the westside the Swetzer Road that have been damaged, investigate the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Swetzer Road and restricting parking on Mareta Lane.
4. Re-painting the Depot cul-de-sac from red "No Parking" to green "10 Minute Parking" and re-paint the "No Parking" along the Subway/Wild Chicken curb to a "Fire Lane".
5. Modifying the existing truck restriction sign on Horseshoe Bar Road and adding an additional sign on Taylor Road next to the RV Park that states, "Trucks over 65 feet Prohibited"

## **Issue Statement and Discussion**

On July 22, 2010, Staff met with the Sheriff's Department (Bob Brodovsky & Vicki Schellenger) and Loomis Fire Department (David Wheeler) to discuss recent traffic concerns received from residents throughout Town. The following traffic concerns were gathered by field observations, accident history and/or residents requests.

- **Speeding:**

1. **Brace Road**

- Staff received a complaint from Anna Nakashoji regarding vehicle speeds and sight distance concerns where Betty Lane connects to Brace Road east of Interstate 80 Bridge and Diaz Lane. Mrs. Nakashoji was invited to the meeting, but was unable to attend.

Staff field reviewed the site and noticed several trees east of Betty Lane that extended to the edge of the roadway, that maybe causing limited sight distance to the east. There are also mail boxes located 4 feet off the road east of Betty Lane that may obstruct sight distance. Sheriff Brodovsky mentioned that he has stepped up enforcement and has cited 50 vehicles in the last month.

The Committee recommends additional tree trimming back to the PG& E poles located 6 feet off the roadway, place the speed trailer out in this segment of Brace Road and the Sheriff will continue aggressive speed enforcement.

- **Pedestrian Movements:**

1. **Taylor Road & Walnut Street Intersection**

- Staff received concerns regarding the lack of a crosswalk between the law offices and drug store.

Staff field reviewed the location and noticed that the stop bar on Walnut Street stops vehicles in the area where pedestrians would cross the street. There is also no sidewalk ramp on the southeast corner next to the law offices.

The Committee recommends the installation of a crosswalk and sidewalk ramp at this location due to the increase of traffic & pedestrian movement in this area.

2. **Taylor Road between Horseshoe Bar Road and Walnut Street**

- The Sheriff has concerns of pedestrians crossing Taylor Road between Horseshoe Bar and Walnut without using the crosswalks (jaywalking) during the heaviest times of traffic.

The Committee recommends discussing this issue further with the Sheriff's Department before considering aggressive enforcement for jaywalking.

- **No Parking or Restricted Zones:**

- 1. Horseshoe Bar Road & Library Drive Intersection**

- Staff received a complaint that residents living on Horseshoe Bar Road have been parking on the street next to the intersection and not allowing vehicles to pass on the right if a vehicle is trying to make a left turn onto Library Drive from southbound Horseshoe Bar Road. Can this area be restricted to no parking?

Staff field reviewed the location and noticed a vehicle parked in the area of the complaint. The vehicle is allowed legally to park across from Library Drive. Staff also noticed that Horseshoe Bar Road necks down in front of the parked vehicle (see photos) leaving only enough room for one car and bike lane. There may not be enough room for a bigger vehicle to pass to the right even if there were no vehicles parked on the street.

The Committee recommends that nothing be done. Allowing drivers to pass on the right of a turning vehicle in such a narrow area is not a safe movement and could cause an accident with a bike rider. The group agreed that people need to slow down in this area because of the curves on Horseshoe Bar Road. The left turn into Library Drive is not a high volume movement and does not cause continuous back-up problems on Horseshoe Bar Road.

- 2. Swetzer Road and Mareta Lane Intersection**

- A resident on Mareta Lane complained about vehicles parking across Mareta Lane. These vehicles are from the restoration company located in the industrial business across the street. The owner is restricted to three parking stalls on site and has been parking his client's vehicles on Swetzer. He stores the vehicles in the building at the end of the day, but has left his truck and boat out on Swetzer in the past.

Staff field reviewed the site and saw the parked vehicles (see photos). Currently, there is parking allowed on the eastside of Swetzer Road and the travelled lane of 14 feet on Swetzer Road is adequate for safe travel. The vehicles that park on the eastside of Swetzer do not pose any site obstructions or traffic movement issues for Mareta Lane. There is no parking from 8am to 5pm on the westside of Swetzer Road from Mareta Lane to the north Town limits. The Sheriff would like staff to take a look at lowering the speed limit on Swetzer Road from 35mph to 30 mph. With the large amount of driveways and large truck traffic, lowering the speed may allow safer traffic movements on the roadway. The Fire Chief also brought up a concern regarding the width of Mareta Lane and that if vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, emergency access cannot get through.

The Committee recommends lengthening the no parking curb from 20 feet to 60 feet adjacent to the hydrant on the eastside of Swetzer Road to allow better access to the hydrant for the Fire

Districts, re-install the no parking signs on the westside the Swetzer Road that have been damaged, investigate the possibility of lowering the speed limit and restricting parking on Mareta Lane.

### **3. Horseshoe Bar Road in front of the Depot**

- Currently, cars and trucks have been restricted from parking on the cul-de-sac in front of the Depot building and the segment of Horseshoe Bar Road to Taylor Road. The red curbing has not deterred people from parking in the no parking zones, which has caused traffic circulation problems.

The Committee recommends re-painting the Depot cul-de-sac from red “No Parking” to green “10 Minute Parking” to allow customers to park and buy a sandwich/burrito or coffee and be on their way. The Sheriff and Fire Chief agree to mark the curb along the Subway/Wild Chicken as a Fire Lane. This will provide a more aggressive enforcement and fine for violators and help keep the area open for emergencies.

### **4. Over Length Trucks**

- The Sheriff has concerns of delivery trucks over 65 feet entering the downtown where the mobility of a longer carrier is limited. Currently, the Town has a restrictive truck sign on Horseshoe Bar Road adjacent to Taco Bell. The Sheriff would like additional wording on the signs that state, “Trucks over 65 feet Prohibited”.

The Committee recommends modifying the existing sign on Horseshoe Bar Road and adding additional signage on Taylor Road next to the RV Park.

### **CEQA Requirements**

All work is contained within the Town’s right-of-way and is not expanding any existing use. It is categorized as an exemption status under Section 15301, Existing Facilities” Class 1(c), existing highways and streets.

### **Financial and/or Policy Implications**

Cost for the following improvements:

1. Provide better site distance at Betty Lane by trimming back existing tree line along Brace Road, Set-up speed trailer in conjunction with Sheriff’s speed enforcement.
  - Public Works Staff Time, Equipment and Materials= \$500
2. Install a crosswalk and sidewalk ramp across Walnut Street between the drug store and law offices on the east side of Taylor Road.
  - Public Works Staff Time, Equipment and Materials = \$2,000

3. Lengthening the no parking curb from 20 feet to 60 feet adjacent to the hydrant on the eastside of Swetzer Road across from Mareta Lane to allow better access to the hydrant for the Fire Districts, re-install the no parking signs on the westside the Swetzer Road that have been damaged, investigate the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Swetzer Road and restricting parking on Mareta Lane.
  - Public Works Staff Time, Equipment and Materials = \$500
4. Re-painting the Depot cul-de-sac from red “No Parking” to green “10 Minute Parking” and re-paint the “No Parking” along the Subway/Wild Chicken curb to a “Fire Lane”.
  - Public Works Staff Time, Equipment and Materials = \$500
5. Modifying the existing truck restriction sign on Horseshoe Bar Road and adding an additional sign on Taylor Road next to the RV Park that states, “Trucks over 65 feet Prohibited”
  - Public Works Staff Time, Equipment and Materials = \$700

Funding will come from the Transportation Account under material and supplies, street sign repair and replacement.

# **TOWN OF LOOMIS**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 10-**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND STAFF**

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic Safety Committee met on July 22, 2010 to discuss traffic issues and concerns throughout Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the traffic concerns and issues were gathered by field observations, accident history and/or resident requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee was made up of a representative from Town Staff, Sheriff's Department and Loomis Fire District; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations were in the good interest of safety for the Town and can be implemented into the existing Public Works Department's work load; and

**WHEREAS**, funding will come from the Transportation Account under material and supplies, street sign repair and replacement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis approves the following Traffic Safety Committee recommendations:

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Council of the Town of Loomis this 10th day of August, 2010 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

ATTEST:

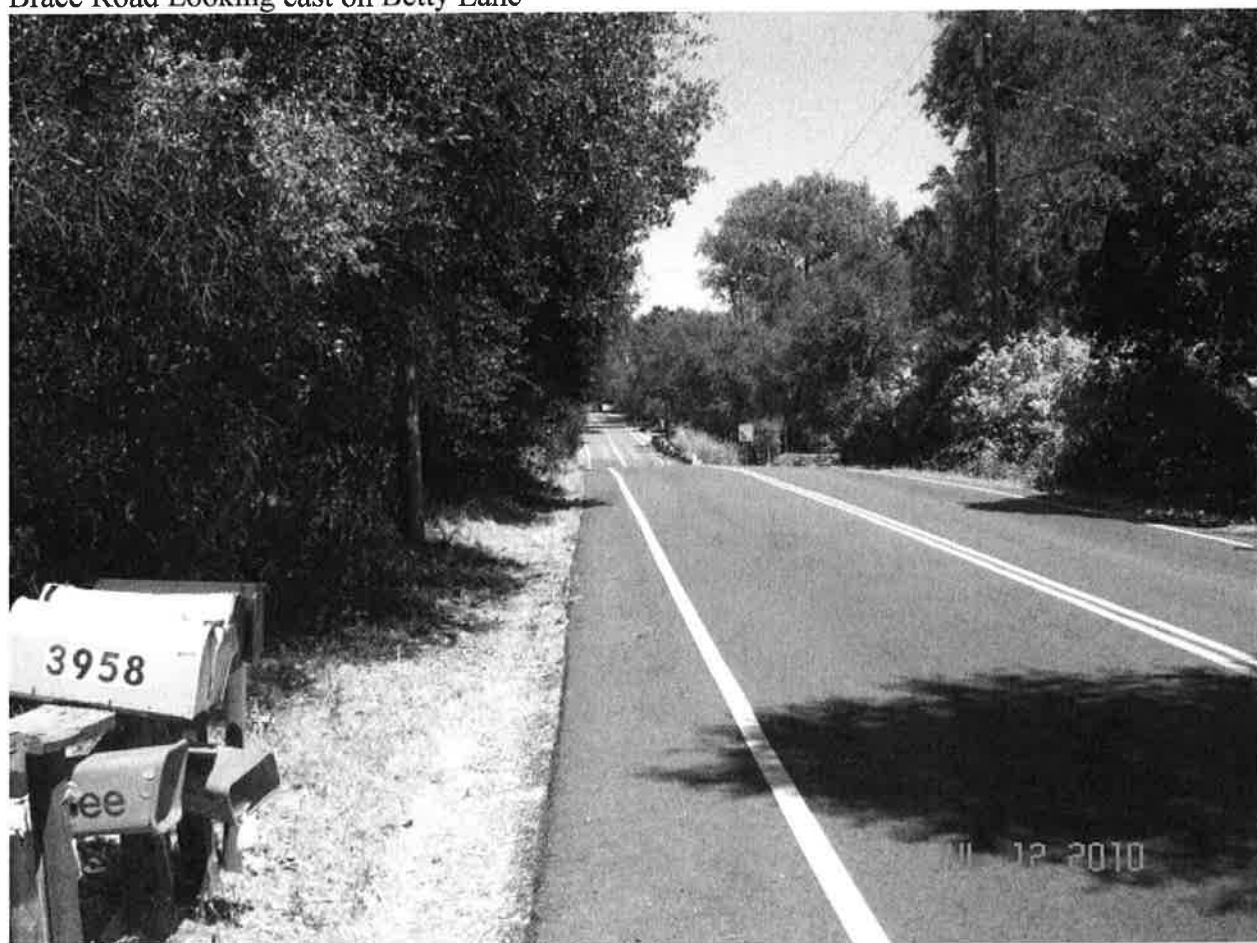
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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Town Clerk

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Town Attorney

Brace Road Looking east on Betty Lane





Taylor Road & Walnut Intersection – Proposed Sidewalk Location



Horseshoe Bar Road & Library Drive Intersection – Left turn conflicts



Swetzer Road & Mareta Lane Intersection – Parked Vehicles

